

95–223, I continue for 1 year, until September 14, 2004, the exercise of those authorities with respect to countries affected by:

- (1) the Foreign Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 500;
- (2) the Transaction Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 505; and
- (3) the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 515.

The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

**George W. Bush**

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NOTE: This memorandum will be published in the *Federal Register* on September 16.

### **Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Amendments to the FY 2004 Budget**

*September 12, 2003*

*Dear Mr. Speaker:*

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed amendments to the FY 2004 Budget for the Departments of Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Housing and Urban Development, as well as the Corps of Engineers.

These amendments would not change the total pending Presidential Request for FY 2004. However, they would adjust upward the total discretionary budget authority requested by \$0.9 billion, bringing the total discretionary funding agreed to by the Administration and the Congress to \$785.6 billion. This increase in discretionary funding is fully offset by a corresponding decrease in mandatory funding. All other proposals are assumed to be funded within this constraint.

This transmittal also contains FY 2004 budget amendments for the Legislative Branch and FY 2003 supplemental proposals for the Judicial Branch. As a matter of comity, appropriations requests of the Legislative and Judicial Branches are commonly transmitted without change.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

#### **September 6**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **September 7**

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC. Later, they attended a White House tee-ball game on the South Lawn.

#### **September 8**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss the situations in Iraq and the Middle East and the war on terror. Later, he had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, in an Oval Office ceremony, the President received diplomatic credentials from Ambassadors Mikhail M. Khvostov of Belarus, Abdoulaye Diop of Mali, Raul Gangotena Rivadeneira of Ecuador, Jose Octavio Bordon of Argentina, Rastislav Kacer of the Slovak Republic, Evan Jeremy Paki of Papua New Guinea, Barbara Joyce Masekela of South Africa, Juri Luik of Estonia, and Sir David Manning of the United Kingdom.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Nashville, TN, where he toured the Tutoring Center at Kirkpatrick Elementary School.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with President

Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan to discuss the upcoming World Trade Organization (WTO) ministerial meeting in Cancun, Mexico, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India to discuss the upcoming WTO meeting and a potential United Nations Security Council resolution on Iraq, and President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa to discuss the upcoming WTO meeting.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his designation of Robert D. McCallum, Jr., as Acting Deputy Attorney General.

### ***September 9***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Jacksonville, FL, where he participated in a briefing on educational tools available to parents and teachers at Hyde Park Elementary School.

In the evening, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr., to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The President announced his intention to nominate Ben S. Bernanke to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the Sixth District.

### ***September 10***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing and then met with Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld. Later, he met with the Dalai Lama of Tibet to discuss Tibetan-Chinese relations.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Prime Minister Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir Al Sabah of Kuwait, following their meeting in the Oval Office. Later, he traveled to Quantico, VA, where he toured the FBI laboratory.

In the evening, at the White House, the President hosted a dinner and screening of "Twin Towers," a documentary film on the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

### ***September 11***

In the morning, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Washington, DC, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a prayer service commemorating the September 11 terrorist attacks. Later, on the South Lawn, they observed a moment of silence with Vice President Dick Cheney and Mrs. Cheney and White House staff for victims of the September 11 attacks.

Later in the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where he visited U.S. military personnel injured in Iraq and their family members. He also presented Purple Heart awards to some personnel.

The White House announced that the President will host King Abdullah II and Queen Rania of Jordan at Camp David, MD, on September 18–19.

### ***September 12***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Fort Stewart, GA. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with President Nestor Kirchner of Argentina to discuss the International Monetary Fund agreement that was reached earlier in the week. He also had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Goran Persson of Sweden to extend his condolences concerning the death of Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh. Also en route, he met with Senators Zell Miller and Saxby Chambliss and Representatives Jack Kingston and Max Burns of Georgia.

In the afternoon, at Fort Stewart, the President presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 3d Infantry Division of the U.S. Army.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Jackson, MS. Later, he traveled to Houston, TX, where he participated in the 10th anniversary celebration for the Power Center.

In the evening, the President traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will visit the United Nations in New York on September 23–24 to address

the General Assembly on the opening day of the General Debate, and that he will meet with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Foreign Minister Julian Hunte of Saint Lucia, who is the incoming General Assembly President, and other foreign leaders.

The White House announced that the President will host President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya for a state visit on October 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert L. Crandall, Louis S. Thompson, and Floyd Hall to be members of the Amtrak Reform Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gracia M. Hillman and Raymondo Martinez III to be members of the Election Assistance Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate David Wayne Anderson to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs.

The President announced his intention to nominate W. Robert Pearson to be Director General of Foreign Service, and to appoint him as Chairman of the Board of the Foreign Service.

The President announced his intention to nominate Read Van de Water to be a member of the National Mediation Board.

The President declared a major disaster in Vermont and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 21 through August 18.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding on July 21 through August 18.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### **Submitted September 10**

Ben S. Bernanke,  
of New Jersey, to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 14 years from February 1, 2004 (reappointment).

Roger Walton Ferguson, Jr.,  
of Massachusetts, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of 4 years (reappointment).

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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### **Released September 6**

Statement by the Press Secretary: Prime Minister Abbas' Submission of His Resignation

### **Released September 7**

Excerpts of the President's address to the Nation on the war on terror

Advance text of the President's address to the Nation on the war on terror

Fact sheet: White House South Lawn Tee Ball

### **Released September 8**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Request for Additional FY 2004 Funding for the War on Terror

### **Released September 9**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Scott McClellan

### **Released September 10**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Scott McClellan